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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***An Act Establishing Biennial Health Professional Licensing And Concerning Funding For Population-Based Health Data Collection And Targeted Public Health Programs.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-88 of the general statutes, as amended by  
2 section 17 of public act 99-102, section 4 of public act 99-249 and section  
3 61 of public act 99-2 of the June special session, is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

5 (a) Each person holding a license to practice dentistry, optometry,  
6 midwifery or dental hygiene shall, [annually] biennially, during the  
7 month of [his] such person's birth, register with the Department of  
8 Public Health, upon payment of the professional services fee for class I,  
9 as defined in section 33-182l in the case of a dentist, the professional  
10 services fee for class H, as defined in section 33-182l in the case of an  
11 optometrist, [except that in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1993,  
12 optometrists shall pay a fee of three hundred seventy-five dollars,] five  
13 dollars in the case of a midwife, and fifty dollars in the case of a dental  
14 hygienist, on blanks to be furnished by the department for such  
15 purpose, giving [his] such person's name in full, [his] residence and

16 business address and such other information as the department  
17 requests.

18 (b) Each person holding a license to practice medicine, surgery,  
19 podiatry, chiropractic or natureopathy shall, [annually] biennially,  
20 during the month of [the] such person's birth, register with the  
21 Department of Public Health, upon payment of the professional  
22 services fee for class I, as defined in section 33-182l, on blanks to be  
23 furnished by the department for such purpose, giving [his] such  
24 person's name in full, [his] residence and business address and such  
25 other information as the department requests.

26 (c) (1) Each person holding a license to practice as a registered  
27 nurse, shall, [annually] biennially, during the month of such person's  
28 birth, register with the Department of Public Health, upon payment of  
29 the professional services fee for class B, as defined in section 33-182l,  
30 on blanks to be furnished by the department for such purpose, giving  
31 such person's name in full, [with] residence and business address and  
32 such other information as the department requests. Each person  
33 holding a license to practice as a registered nurse who has retired from  
34 the profession may renew such license, but the fee shall be ten per cent  
35 of the professional services fee for class B, as defined in section 33-182l.  
36 Any license provided by the department at a reduced fee shall indicate  
37 that the registered nurse is retired.

38 (2) Each person holding a license as an advanced practice registered  
39 nurse shall, [annually] biennially, during the month of such person's  
40 birth, register with the Department of Public Health, upon payment of  
41 the professional services fee for class C, as defined in section 33-182l,  
42 on blanks to be furnished by the department for such purpose, giving  
43 such person's name in full, [with] residence and business address and  
44 such other information as the department requests. No such license  
45 shall be renewed unless the department is satisfied that the person  
46 maintains current certification as either a nurse practitioner, a clinical  
47 nurse specialist or a nurse anesthetist from one of the following

48 national certifying bodies which certify nurses in advanced practice:  
49 The American Nurses' Association, the Nurses' Association of the  
50 American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Certification  
51 Corporation, the National Board of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners and  
52 Associates or the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists. Each  
53 person holding a license to practice as an advanced practice registered  
54 nurse who has retired from the profession may renew such license, but  
55 the fee shall be ten per cent of the professional services fee for class C,  
56 as defined in section 33-182l. Any license provided by the department  
57 at a reduced fee shall indicate that the advanced practice registered  
58 nurse is retired.

59 (3) Each person holding a license as a licensed practical nurse shall,  
60 [annually] biennially, during the month of such person's birth, register  
61 with the Department of Public Health, upon payment of the  
62 professional services fee for class A, as defined in section 33-182l, on  
63 blanks to be furnished by the department for such purpose, giving  
64 such person's name in full, [with] residence and business address and  
65 such other information as the department requests. Each person  
66 holding a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse who has  
67 retired from the profession may renew such license, but the fee shall be  
68 ten per cent of the professional services fee for class A, as defined in  
69 section 33-182l. Any license provided by the department at a reduced  
70 fee shall indicate that the licensed practical nurse is retired.

71 (4) Each person holding a license as a nurse-midwife shall,  
72 [annually] biennially, during the month of such person's birth, register  
73 with the Department of Public Health, upon payment of the  
74 professional services fee for class C, as defined in section 33-182l, on  
75 blanks to be furnished by the department for such purpose, giving  
76 such person's name in full, [with] residence and business address and  
77 such other information as the department requests. No such license  
78 shall be renewed unless the department is satisfied that the person  
79 maintains current certification from the American College of Nurse-  
80 Midwives.

81 (5) Each person holding a license to practice physical therapy shall,  
82 [annually] biennially, during the month of such person's birth, register  
83 with the Department of Public Health, upon payment of the  
84 professional services fee for class B, as defined in section 33-182l, on  
85 blanks to be furnished by the department for such purpose, giving  
86 such person's name in full, [with] residence and business address and  
87 such other information as the department requests.

88 (6) Each person holding a license as a physician assistant shall,  
89 [annually] biennially, during the month of such person's birth, register  
90 with the Department of Public Health, upon payment of a fee of  
91 seventy-five dollars, on blanks to be furnished by the department for  
92 such purpose, giving such person's name in full, [with] residence and  
93 business address and such other information as the department  
94 requests. No such license shall be renewed unless the department is  
95 satisfied that the practitioner has met the mandatory continuing  
96 medical education requirements of the National Commission on  
97 Certification of Physician Assistants or a successor organization for the  
98 certification or recertification of physician assistants that may be  
99 approved by the department and has passed any examination or  
100 continued competency assessment the passage of which may be  
101 required by said commission for maintenance of current certification  
102 by said commission.

103 (d) No provision of this section shall be construed to apply to any  
104 person practicing Christian Science.

105 (e) Each person holding a license or certificate issued under section  
106 19a-514, 20-74s, as amended, 20-195cc or 20-206ll and chapters 370 to  
107 373, inclusive, 375, 378 to 381a, inclusive, 383 to 388, inclusive, 393a,  
108 395, 398, 399 or 400a and section 20-206n, 20-206o or section 56 of [this  
109 act] public act 99-2 of the June special session shall, [annually]  
110 biennially, during the month of [the applicant's] such person's birth,  
111 apply for renewal of such license or certificate to the Department of  
112 Public Health, giving [the applicant's] such person's name in full, [the

113 applicant's] residence and business address and such other  
114 information as the department requests. Each person holding a license  
115 or certificate issued pursuant to section 20-475 or 20-476 shall,  
116 [annually] biennially, during the month of [the applicant's] such  
117 person's birth, apply for renewal of such license or certificate to the  
118 department. Each entity holding a license issued pursuant to section  
119 20-475 shall, [annually] biennially, during the anniversary month of  
120 initial licensure, apply for renewal of such license or certificate to the  
121 department.

122 (f) Any person or entity which fails to comply with the provisions of  
123 this section shall be notified by the department that [his] such person's  
124 or entity's license or certificate shall become void ninety days after the  
125 time for its renewal under this section unless it is so renewed. Any  
126 such license shall become void upon the expiration of such ninety-day  
127 period.

128 Sec. 2. (NEW) There is established a fund to be known as the "Public  
129 Health Program Fund". The fund shall contain all fees collected on or  
130 after July 1, 2000, by the Department of Public Health pursuant to  
131 section 19a-88 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and may  
132 contain any other moneys required by law to be deposited in the fund.  
133 The fund shall be held by the Treasurer separate and apart from all  
134 other moneys, funds and accounts. The interest derived from the  
135 investment of the fund shall be credited to the fund. Amounts in the  
136 fund may be expended only pursuant to appropriation by the General  
137 Assembly for programs administered by the Commissioner of Public  
138 Health. Any balance remaining in the fund at the end of any fiscal year  
139 shall be carried forward in the fund for the fiscal year next succeeding.

140 Sec. 3. (NEW) The Commissioner of Public Health, within available  
141 appropriations from the Public Health Program Fund established  
142 pursuant to section 2 of this act, shall develop and implement a  
143 population-based health data collection system. Such system shall be  
144 designed to collect and report information concerning (1) population-

145 based health care delivery, access, prevention outcomes and health  
146 promotion activities in this state, and (2) populations in geographical  
147 areas of the state that are affected by public health problems specific to  
148 such areas.

149 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require biennial renewal of certain health practitioner licenses, to establish a Public Health Program Fund and to provide for the implementation of a population-based health data collection system.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*